

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO CREATE A BOARD OF IMMIGRATION, AND TO PROVIDE MEANS TO
DEFRAY THE EXPENSE THEREOF.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* The governor shall
2 appoint a suitable person as commissioner of immigration, who, with the honorary commis-
3 sioners heretofore appointed and such as he may hereafter appoint, not to exceed twenty (20)
4 in all, shall be a board of immigration, of which the governor shall be ex officio a member.

SEC. 2. Said commissioner shall keep his office at Des Moines, and shall receive a salary
2 of one thousand dollars, but the honorary commissioners shall receive no salary, and no debts
3 shall be made and no money paid out by any commissioner except by order of said board,
4 who shall make to the auditor of state a biennial report of their work, with an itemized
5 account of expenses.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of said board to try by all proper means to promote the agri-
2 cultural, manufacturing, mining and all other industries of the state, and by showing to the
3 people of the civilized world our great advantages, to invite the immigration of intelligent,
4 virtuous and industrious people, with their capital and skilled labor.

SEC. 4. The state shall pay five thousand dollars a year toward the expense of said work,
2 to be drawn by the commissioners, from time to time as needed, upon the recommendation
3 of the governor, with the approval of the executive council, and the board of supervisors of
4 any county may contribute from their county such sums as they may see fit, not exceeding
5 in any one year a sum equal to one cent per acre on the lands of the county, to be used by
6 said commissioners as said supervisors may direct; and any sum so appropriated shall be
7 added to the tax of the ensuing year for that purpose.

SEC. 5. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its publication in the *Iowa State Register* and *State Leader*, newspapers pub-
3 lished at the city of Des Moines, Iowa.